Dear Howard, 6/12/76

Read all your mailing that included gift and Givens except NYTimes NSA story. Many thanks.

I've started a special file for these new records. I haven't yet put in in the regular files because I have to make space.

I was too tired (and am) to be sure I got all that is in these papers. One point that interested me is that the gift confirms my belief that the estate begins the instant of death, with no subsequent accumulation. The gift says as of 1/22/63. This and the language precluded the evidentiary material from being included.

Unless there have been the most substantial changes since my time it will be no trick to trace the Givens changes down. Write Smith thanking her and ask for copies of the pages of proof that include _H__ and _166_ Specify galley and page proofs. (There may have been no galleys on this but ask.) If the pages don't work out exactly as printed, assuming you get page proofs, ask for the succeeding pages. If the changes are of a couple of lines or more all subsequent pages have to be done over. It is called "remade."

I have filed this under Givens, not Belin.

Second and third pages your 4/23 to Arch very good. Only partial answer 5/26. Assume there will be more. If I did not tell you, Harding is the lawyer to whom copies of my correspondence went. They made a mistake. That's how I learned.

I've done nothing more with any of this because of time pressures and fatigue. Although I'm conscientious about getting more sleep.

We're scoring many good points in the 1996 suit but I was to score, not points. I think I've sent you enough carbons. Not of the drafts. I think Jim erred not to clobber when I asked and he promised. He may think so now. We discussed this today when there were ohter (Ray) matters to discuss.

Little new. Most of current work on litigation. Please do learn what you can about any participation and let us know your desires. Jim went for it right away when I first suggested it. Having you participate in depositions on spectro was his idea. If it happens it won't be tomorrow.

One of the drags is the greater shambles in the office. I've been staying out of the bottom drawers because when I did go into them it was rather much. I've been hoping to reorganize the office to use them for storage but haven't been able to get to it and haven't been able to get help. It is a mess. I have obtained two two-drawer legal cabinets and I've started to transfer into them the legl-sozed FOIA records. This has given me some FOIA space. I'd hope to get back to writing tomorrow but I have to search out some records for Jim. I'll probably have to use that time to do the necessary reorganizing in those files. Suits on me. We are getting ready.

The friend you don't know who is interested in the completion of Agent Oswald calls once in a while. He has been wonderful. He makes a good income in Hollywood but it not a top person. He called this a.m. and asked if I'd heard from you. I told him there hadn't been time.

How I wish you could be here! The fatigue, which is probably a combination of emotional, medical and physical is being indulged. I'm not pushing myself when I'm that way. My volumetric output yesterday was fantastic but by the time it got hot today I was pooped—after a good night's sleep. If I could only have some go over the drafts I could get them retyped before giving them to Jim. And if the book could be edited before retyping——. ...I have some tapes to listen to for hours to do the missing chapter. I could abbreviate the chapter but I want that content because it is one of two chapters that could make a separate movie. Thanks and our best,